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The valedictory to the graduating class, the crowning gem of the evening's entertainment, was a masterly and beautiful production. As a composition, the Republic of Letters might with pride accept it, as a subject, it would have elicited the warmest commendations, and as a contribution, it was neither its only nor its paramount recommendation. Remarkable for the classic simplicity and purity of its diction, for the rhythmic-like harmony of its periods, and for the effectiveness of its illustrations, these shining attributes formed but the jeweled setting of far worthier and loftier attributes. A singular feature in performance of the sort, it was admirably appropriate to the occasion. Nor alone was it, it was pointedly addressed to those whose import chiefly concerned, or that it discussed themes germane to the Medical art; but avoiding the beaten track of the commonplace, easy counsels and admonitions, it descended to touch upon the mere daily routine of professional practice, its policy, and its craft—subjects wisely committed to experience, and the common sense of the young physician,—it soared into ideal and philosophical contemplation of the grand science itself, as well as the noblest of its aims; and in depicting its humane and glorious aims, and the illustrious rewards held out to those admitted into its inner temple—sought to kindle the noblest incentives to manly effort, inspire an ambition, and impress with a just sense of individual responsibility. Views more comprehensive, more profoundly ingrained in calm deliberation, or clothed in greater dignity of thought, have seldom graced a similar occasion. And the least beautiful of the flowers of eloquence scattered upon the banquet of the open-spoken recipients, was the ethereal suggestion, so simply yet sublimely urged, was the connection with professional objects and the hope of an immortal name, the holier aspirations that regard the whole world, and that faith which, embowing all within, secures salvation for a life eternal. Wonderful that it were in the power of the writer to analyze

not do critical justice to a discourse so replete with imagery, and so heroically enlivened with passion and disfigured by ornament as this brilliant irradiation was. It was a sermon which, glowing with a glow of fervor, that transcended and irradiated the chaste delivery of the speaker. His earnest eloquence lent to his declamation, and in the manner he addressed a superadded force and interest rendering it extraordinarily impressive. Professor McPherson has bestowed upon new and fideless laurels. Around brows so devoted to serving the nation delight to entwine themselves, and Mr. Stanton, who has achieved his present success has obtained the prize which he has long desired, and will bring forth conquests."

MR. STANLY IN "A FIX."

Mr. Stanley, who is famous, when excited, for both his bold and false charges of a small order against his political opponents, has recently been brought up "standing" by Gen. Cass. That distinguished Senator said a few days since, said:

"A gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Stanly) appeared in the House of Representatives a few days ago, and delivered the following address: 'I thank God he has owned a slave,' &c. I never said it. Some of the unfounded stories whose functions have been fulfilled, is thus suddenly called from its resting place for some purpose, I know not what. It is an expression I never used. It conveys a meaning altogether disagreeable. I do not arraign the motives of the gentleman who has thus arraigned me. He had heard the story, and I presume believed it. But he should have remembered what before he uttered those words, not in the heat of an excited contest, but in the cool hours of legislation, to the bar of the House of Representatives, and, in effect, to the bar of the country. The charge, sir, places me in the position of a Pharisee, thanking God that I am better than the men

The proceedings of the Southern Rights Meeting at New Lincoln were received too late to be published today, but they shall appear in our next. It was the meeting of the citizens of that noble County with respect to party. Major Hull, Esq. presided, assisted by Capt. T. R. Shuford and Gen. Daniel S. Lee as Vice Presidents, and A. W. Burton and V. A. ...

McCabe, Esquires, as Secretaries. Sound and able resolutions were offered by William Lander, Esquire, which were adopted, and seventy Delegates were appointed to the District Convention to be held in Charlotte on the 23d of next month. The meeting was addressed in an eloquent manner by William Lander, E. E. Thompson, A. J. Canaler, V. A. McCabe, J. C. Newton, and A. W. Burton, Esquires.

We invite the attention of the friends of Southern rights to the proceedings of the Edgecombe Meeting, in our paper to-day. Edgecombe never more without being taken in earnest. She has spoken out in a vital question, in a manner and with a tone altogether worthy of her in her palmiest and proudest days.

LENOIR COUNTY.

A large and enthusiastic Southern Rights Meeting was held in Kinston, on the 19th instant, and strong resolutions adopted. Jesse Lassiter, Esq. presided, assisted by Joseph R. Orcom and Geo. W. Venters as Vice Presidents, and Messrs. William Robinson and R. W. King as Secretaries. Twenty Delegates were appointed to the Northern Convention, to select delegates to the Nashville Convention. The Meeting was addressed in eloquent terms by the Hon. Wm.

John H. Washington, and George S. Stevenson and John N. Washington, Esquires.

Lenoir is one of the Counties not-represented in the House by Edward Stanly. We shall publish the proceedings of this Meeting in our next.

THE "STAR" AND MR. STANLEY.

The Raleigh Star, in a recent article, after visiting the property of the Nashville Convention, says: "In our judgment, nothing tends more to give encouragement to the similes, than the capricious detection and denunciation which Southern men in general are against the friends of the Southern Convention." Why, then, is the Star silent about the shameful Speech of the Star's Stanley in that same Convention? Stanley was only wrong in his denunciation of the South, in any thing which the free States may do, in any type of—not only contrivance to make it appear that the South has not been seriously wronged, but even to the point of making the people of Nashville believe that the South is not the cause of the war.

We call upon it to stand by its own friends and men, for instance, as William H. Washington, J. McKim, Bartlett Shipp, and others who are named. Is the center Editor of that paper to be asked as we do in connection with Edward McLean, "drive every traitor off?" that Convention from the Cumberland river." We call upon the State and by us in this matter, without respect to party.